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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: William B. GIANNETTI *et al.*  
APPLICATION NO.: 10/712,251  
FILED: NOVEMBER 13, 2003  
FOR: **BALL BAT WITH A STRAIN ENERGY OPTIMIZED  
BARREL**

EXAMINER: MARK S. GRAHAM  
ART UNIT: 3711  
CONF. NO: 8578

**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed on June 16, 2004, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend paragraphs [0001] and [0038] as shown in the attached replacement paragraph sheet.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 16-28, and add new claims 29-30, as shown in the attached claim sheets.

**Certificate of Mailing**

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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